



Parks and Recreation Department

203 S. Pacific Avenue, PO Box 819 Kelso, WA 98626



AGENDA PARK BOARD MEETING July 21, 2016 5:00 PM-Council Chambers

1. Call To Order – Scott DeRosier
2. Approve April 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes
3. Comments from Audience
 - Camela Sutton presentation of proposed Rotary Spray Park improvements
4. Parks Updates – Randy Johnson / Geary Martin
5. Park Board Comments
6. Adjourn Meeting



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Park Board Meeting
July 21, 2016 @ 5:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Attendees:

1. Camela Sutton
2. Jamie Walsh
3. Katie Sutton
4. Craig Smith
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Park Board Meeting

April 21, 2016

Call to Order:

Scott DeRosier called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at City of Kelso City Hall Council Chambers, 203 S. Pacific Ave.

Those present were as follows:

Park Board Members

Scott DeRosier
Jerry Phillips
Dan Graves

Council Representation

Larry Alexander

Excused Absence

Pamela Jo (PJ) Enbusk

Staff

Randy Johnson, Public Works Superintendent
Tim Mackin, Parks Lead
Julie Douglas, Recording Secretary

Unexcused Absence

Bob Smith

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Jerry made the motion, seconded by Dan to approve the minutes of July 16, 2015. Motion carried, all in favor.

Business:

1. Comments from Audience

Camila Sutton spoke to the Park Board about her wishes to improve the safety of the City's Rotary Spray Park. She is proposing a fence to surround the area that locks when the park is closed to prevent misuse of the park and grounds. She asked for direction from the Board on how to approach such an undertaking.

The Board suggested that she pursue this with researching grants from Lowes and/or Home Depot, as well as service groups such as the Rotary to find the means to plan and present this project to the Board for consideration.

Amy Lafave spoke to the Park Board about the park across the street from City Hall, now named City of Kelso Veterans Park. She is a local business owner with interest in the plans for that park. She is currently volunteering her time and money to the upkeep of this park and wants to be sure that the plans include the removal of old, sickly plants and the replacement of easy to care for plantings.

Council Member Larry Alexander said that he currently has a Landscaping Architect drawing up plans for the park and welcomed Ms. Lafave to contact him to look the plans over and provide input.



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Nicole Vasquez President of the Kelso Soccer Club reported that there is a tree hanging over the property in the parking area at Monasco Park. She also asked if the City would consider putting in more lights.

2. Discussion:

Service Animals in the Parks

Scott DeRosier gave an example of an experience at one of the City's parks when a service animal got out of control. He asked the Parks Staff to bring up to the City's legal advisors the options that the City has when it comes to situations when service animals are out of control.

3. Park Updates – Randy Johnson Geary Martin

The bathrooms at Tam O'Shanter are still in progress. Park Board member Scott DeRosier also added details about the progress and said that Americore is a possibility for service program volunteers.

MOTION:

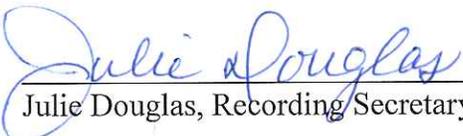
Scott DeRosier made the motion to update the Park bylaws to read that Park Board Meetings begin at 5pm. The motion was seconded by Dan. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION: Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded. Motion carried, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

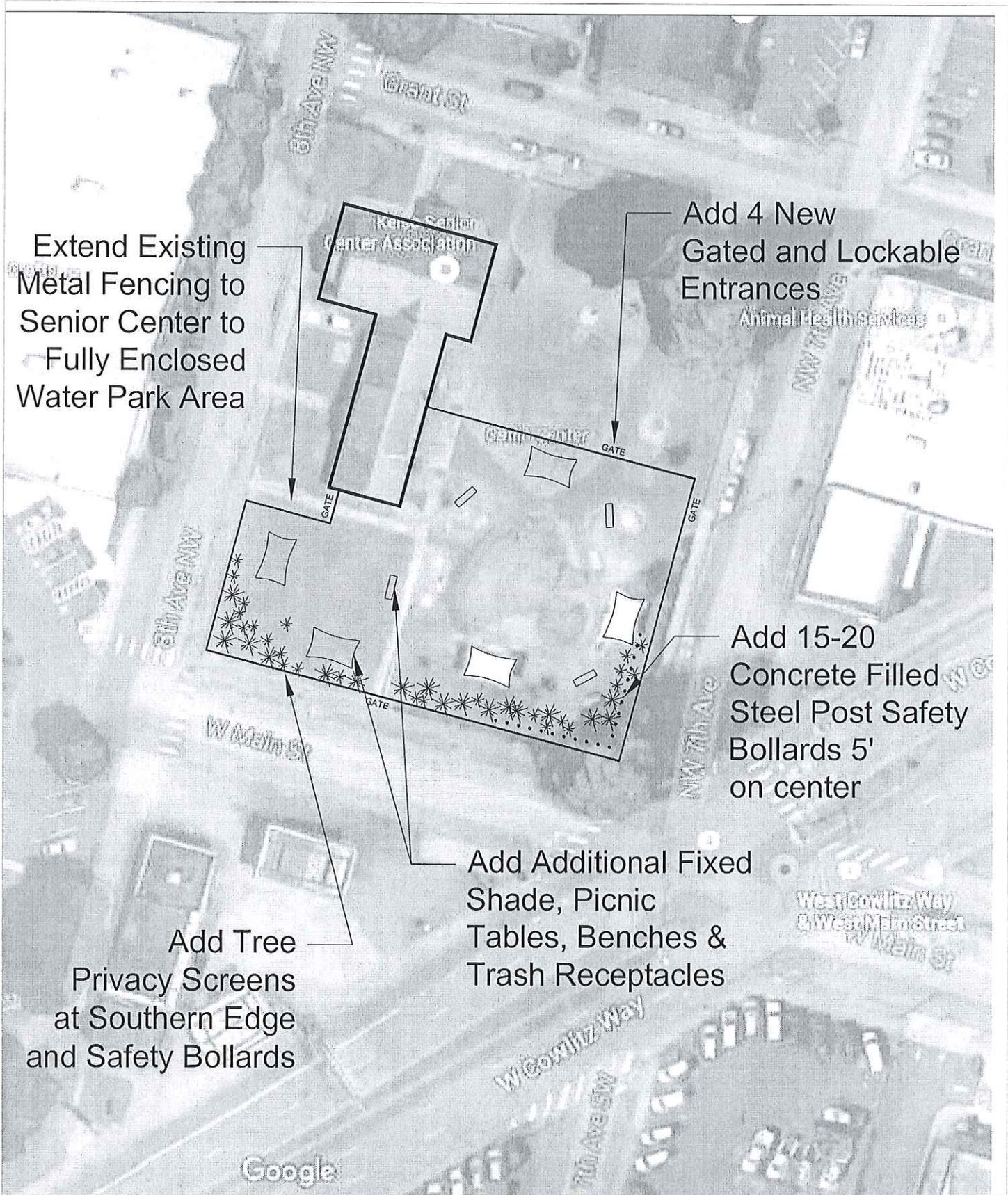
Approved:



Scott DeRosier, Chair



Julie Douglas, Recording Secretary



Extend Existing Metal Fencing to Senior Center to Fully Enclosed Water Park Area

Add 4 New Gated and Lockable Entrances

Add 15-20 Concrete Filled Steel Post Safety Bollards 5' on center

Add Additional Fixed Shade, Picnic Tables, Benches & Trash Receptacles

Add Tree Privacy Screens at Southern Edge and Safety Bollards



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CATLIN ROTARY WATER PARK PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

For More Info, Contact Camela Sutton 360-425-8876 or Find Us on Facebook.

**Caitlin Rotary Water Park Improvement
Goals and Objectives
July, 2016**

Goal:

The goal of this improvement project is to make a safe, child friendly and community enabling park, where all ages can come together in the summer months to enjoy their children playing, and safely picnic and visit together.

Objectives:

First, fence in the entire water park and surrounding areas, using the same style of fence as already exists in the southeast corner, continuing north leaving about 30 feet of the north east grass area unfenced, then going west to join to the east wall of the Senior Center. Also from the southeast corner, the fence will continue west to the southeast corner, continue north to the pathway, turn east and connect by a gate to the southeast corner of the Senior Center. The new fence will also need 3 gates: one facing 8th, one facing Grant and one facing 7th. Make the entire water park area, including the picnic and grassy areas, open only during the months the water park is open, to facilitate safety and cleanliness at the park. Enforce this by programming all gates to lock and unlock in conjunction with the water park water timer.

Second, install concrete bollards along the fence on the Ocean Beach Hwy side, for greater safety.

Third, install new landscaping, including new grass, additional shade trees, and privacy bushes, both for disguising the concrete bollards and to create a more parklike atmosphere while next to a very busy highway.

Fourth, install additional picnic tables, shade umbrellas, trash receptacles and benches.

I plan to separate the objectives into separate phases, with safety issues being addressed first. Once I have approval from the appropriate city departments and officials, I will communicate our plans to the various charitable organizations and individuals who would like to help improve our parks. I appreciate the help I have received from city staff who have been very willing to spend time to answer my questions, and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Submitted respectfully,

Camela Sutton

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1613227045667035/> (Caitlin Rotary Water Park Fence)